

ABSTRACT

A communications system is provided that can be easily manipulated by users and does not require service providers to expand the system. The communication system includes a server, a client terminal, and a communications network linking them. The client terminal has means for transmitting a user identifier to connect the client terminal to the server. In the server, a disconnection condition table stores a user identifier and a service user specified by the user identifier, in conjunction with protocol information regarding contracted disconnection. The disconnection condition related to a user identifier received when the server is connected to the client terminal is retrieved from the disconnection condition table. The connection status to the client terminal is monitored. It is decided whether or not the connection status corresponds to the retrieved disconnection condition. If yes, the client terminal is disconnected.

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